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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA COMMISSIONER MACBRIDE WARNS ON RHODESIA

1. UN COMMISSIONER TO NAMIBIA AND FORMER IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER SEAN MACBRIDE, INTERVIEWED IN DUBLIN YESTERDAY, SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THE IAN SMITH REGIME WOULD BE OVERWHELMED IN THE NEXT FOUR TO SIX WEEKS. HE SAID THAT HE ENVISAGED AN INVASION BY GUERRILLAS OPERATING FROM MOZAMBIQUE, ZAMBIA AND POSSIBLY ANGOLA. THESE INVADERS WOULD INCLUDE CHINESE TRAINED GUERRILLAS, SOVIET EQUIPPED GUERRILLAS AND CUBAN SOLDIERS. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL COME TO THE ASSISTANCE OF RHODESIA, SINCE IT HAS ITS OWN BACK TO THE WALL AND NEEDS TO LOOK TO ITS OWN DEFENSES. MACBRIDE FURTHER SAID THAT HE FELT THAT ZAMBIA IS NOW SUPPORTING THE OAU LINE IN FAVORING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE OF ZIMBABWE. MACBRIDE WILL DEPART TOMORROW FOR AFRICA AND IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE TALKS WITH PRESIDENTS KENYATTA, NYERERE AND KUANDA. RENDAHL

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